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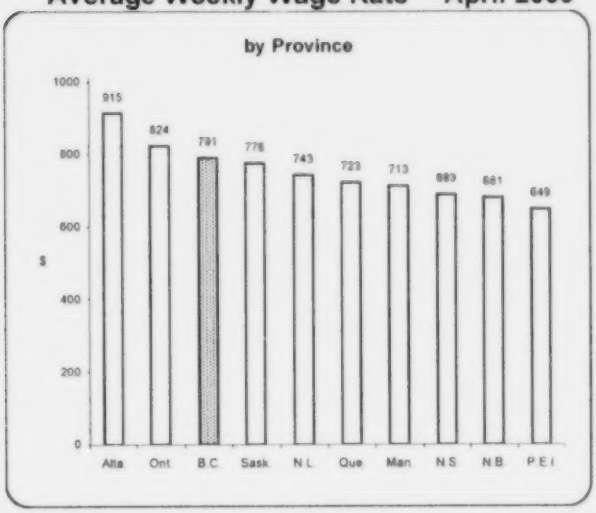
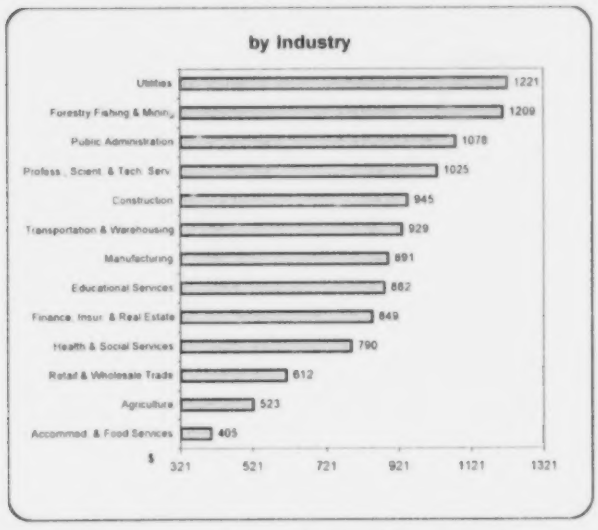
Average Weekly Wage Rate* - April 2009





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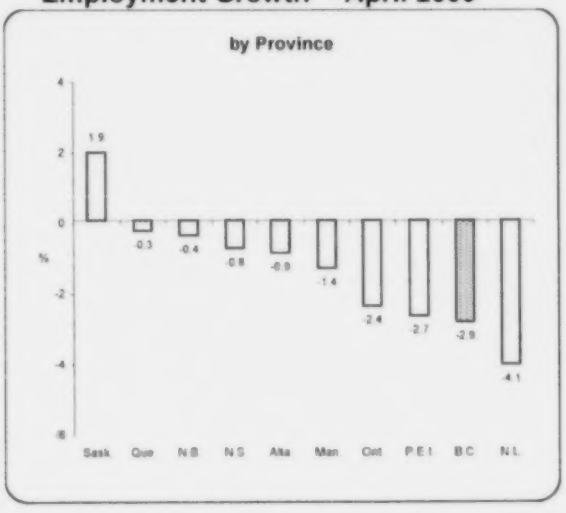
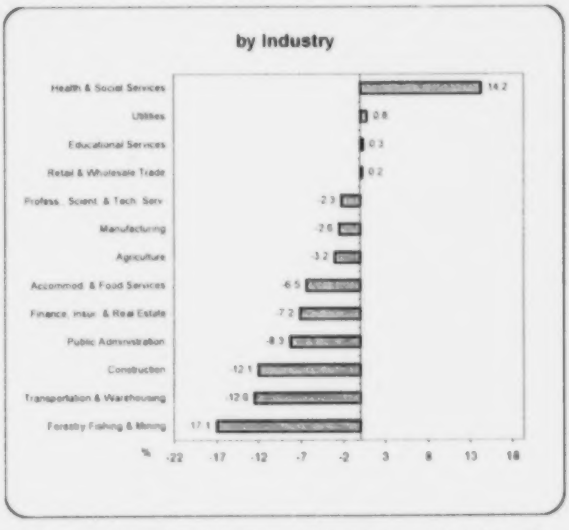
Employment Growth* - April 2009





** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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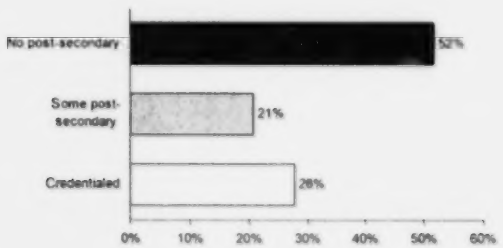
The BC Diploma, Associate Degree, and Certificate Student Outcomes (DACSO) Survey shows that a high percentage of former post-secondary students had completed some previous post-secondary studies, or even a credential, before enrolling in their recent post-secondary program. This article looks at these former students who return to post-secondary studies to explore questions about who pursues additional education, why they return to school, and how they benefit from their further studies.[1]

Entering post-secondary with previous credentials

Using data from the 2007 DACSO survey, this article compares the experiences of three groups of respondents—those with no post-secondary studies prior to enrolling (52%), those who had some post-secondary studies (21%), and those who had earned a credential prior to enrolling (28%).

Distribution of 2007 DACSO survey respondents by the three respondent groups: no post-secondary, some post-secondary and credentialed



Who are the students who return to post-secondary?

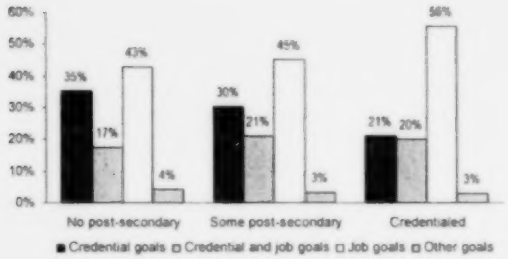
It takes time to participate in post-secondary studies, so it is not surprising that the credentialed group of former students was older, on average, than either of the other two groups. Almost three-quarters of those without previous post-secondary education were under the age of 25, compared with about half of those with some post-secondary and only about 14 percent of those with a previous credential. Over 60 percent of the credentialed group was 30 or older.

Why did they return?

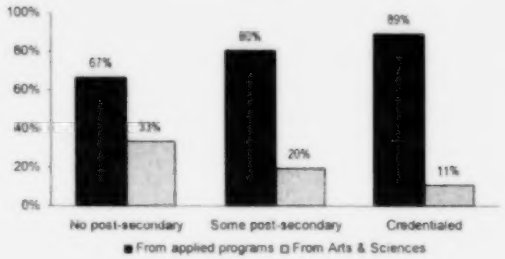
Students may return to learning to acquire employment skills and advance their careers or for academic reasons, such as earning a credential or transferring to university. The primary reason reported by more than half of the credentialed group was to achieve job-related goals—such as improving existing job skills, learning new ones, or deciding on a career. Of the students with no previous post-secondary or some previous post-secondary, over 30 percent enrolled to complete the requirements for a credential or to prepare to transfer to another post-secondary institution or program.

[1] Refer to the section entitled About the Survey on page 4 for more information about the former students surveyed.

Credentialed respondents were more likely to report job-related goals for enrolling than were their counterparts in the some post-secondary and no post-secondary groups.



Respondents from the credentialed and some post-secondary groups were more likely to have taken applied programs than those in the no post-secondary group.



What programs did they take?

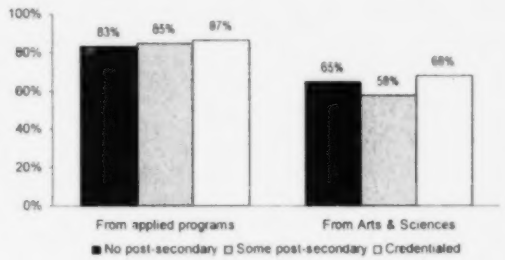
Given their emphasis on job-related goals, it is not surprising that the credentialed group was the most likely of all the groups to have enrolled in applied programs, as opposed to Arts and Sciences programs.[2] With their focus on relatively short, applied programs, students with a prior credential tended to select post-secondary institutions in the Lower Mainland, which may have a greater selection of the specialized programs these students are seeking. When selecting the institution at which they would study, a higher proportion of the credentialed group considered the reputation of the institution and the availability of a particular program than did the other groups.

Leaving post-secondary study

What are their employment outcomes?

Credentialed respondents were the most likely to be employed at the time of the survey—85 percent, compared with 79 percent of the some post-secondary group and 77 percent of the no post-secondary group.

Credentialed respondents from applied and Arts and Sciences programs were the most likely to be employed.



However, the higher rate of employment for the credentialed group reflects their concentration in applied programs and their age. After controlling for these factors, there is little difference in the employment rates of the three groups. There are also no significant differences, after accounting for program of study and age, in the percentages of former students employed full-time in their main job,

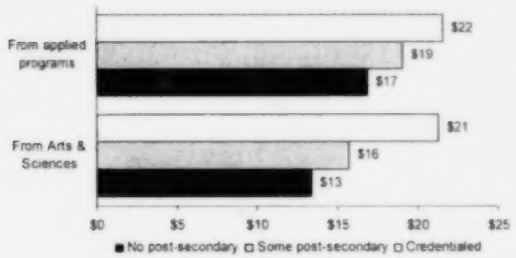
[2] Applied programs are designed to lead to employment in specific fields, while Arts and Sciences programs most often lead to further education.

employed in a permanent job, or the percentages who are self-employed.

How do wages differ across the groups?

In terms of hourly wage, having a previous credential makes a difference. Credentialed respondents in almost every age group earn significantly more, on average, than the no-post-secondary group, and often earn significantly more than the some post-secondary group as well.

Former students with previous education reported higher hourly wages in 2007.



Getting a job

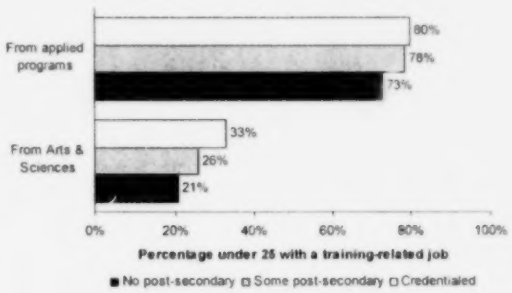
Having previous studies appears to be particularly useful to younger former students in getting and performing their jobs, but less so for their older counterparts.

Employed former students who did not have the same job during their studies were asked how useful their program was in getting their job. Differences in responses between the three groups were significant for those from the youngest two age groups who took applied programs. In the under 25 age group, 61 percent of the credentialed and 63 percent of the some post-secondary groups said their studies were very useful to them in getting a job, compared with 56 percent for the no post-secondary group. In the 25 to 29 age group, 70 percent of credentialed employees said their education was very useful, compared with 62 percent for the other two groups.

Getting a training-related job

It appears that having a credential or some previous post-secondary studies makes a difference with respect to the likelihood of securing a job related to one's training; 86 percent of credentialed respondents from applied programs had training-related jobs, compared with 82 percent of some post-secondary and 77 percent of no post-secondary. However, after controlling for age, it is only in the youngest age group of both applied and Arts and Sciences programs where the difference in the proportion of those who have a job related to their training, and those who do not, is significant. This suggests that academic credentials are important to those under 25 years of age in securing training-related work, but other factors may be more important for older workers, such as experience in the labour force.

Former students under 25 years of age who had a credential or some previous studies were more likely to find a training-related job than their no post-secondary counterparts.

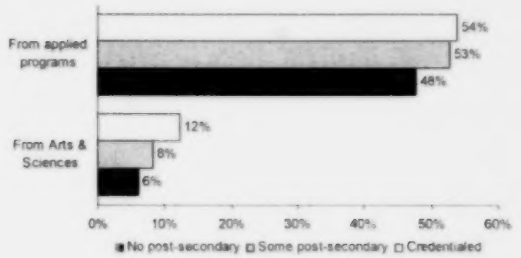


Performing the job

Former students who were employed were asked to assess the usefulness of their post-secondary education in performing their jobs.

Significant differences between the three groups were observed only for the youngest respondents. Credentialed respondents under age 25 were the most likely to say the knowledge and skills they gained were very useful to them in performing their duties, regardless of the type of program they took.

Younger credentialed respondents were the most likely to say their education was very useful to them in performing their jobs.[3]



Conclusion

Students who returned to learning after already completing a post-secondary credential did so primarily to advance their careers and achieve job goals or a combination of job and credential goals. These respondents tended to enrol in relatively short, applied programs and, when selecting their programs, placed a greater emphasis on institution reputation and the availability of unique programs than did the other groups.

Survey respondents who had prior credentials tended to have better employment outcomes than respondents who had previous post-secondary experience without a credential or who had no previous post-secondary education; however, those who had prior post-secondary tended to be older and to have taken applied programs. After accounting for these factors, the main employment outcome that was significantly different was wage, with those having previous credentials earning more.

For some labour market variables, such as having a job related to training and the usefulness of training in getting and performing a job, differences among the three groups were significant for respondents in their twenties. With less time to acquire valuable work experience, it follows that educational experience and credentials are relatively more important to the labour market outcomes of the youngest respondents.

About the Survey

The Diploma, Associate Degree, and Certificate Student Outcomes (DACSO) Survey (formerly called the BC College and Institute Student Outcomes Survey) is an annual province-wide survey of former students from B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions who have taken diploma, certificate, or associate degree (university transfer) programs. It is conducted with funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development and from the institutions themselves. The British Columbia Outcomes Working Group (OWG) oversees the survey project.

This article draws on the 2007 DACSO survey, which contacted 16,339 former students 9 to 20 months after they completed (or nearly completed) their program of study. The survey asked respondents about their educational experience and their subsequent employment outcomes, further education, and personal development.

For more information on the DACSO project, please see http://outcomes.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/.

[3] Note that the relatively low percentage of Arts and Sciences students reporting that their program was "very useful" to them in performing their jobs relates to the fact that Arts and Sciences programs are not intended to provide students with job skills.

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SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1999	1.1	1.8	2.2			3.3			1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6
2007	1.8	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.1	4.2	6.0	4.6
2008	2.1	2.3	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.0	2.3	1.9	-0.8	2.1	1.5	-0.5	4.6	6.1	5.8
2008 Jan	0.8	2.2	4.3	3.8	5.1	3.5	3.0	2.9	-0.8	2.7	2.1	0.2	4.1	5.8	4.9
Feb	1.1	1.8	4.0	3.1	5.0	3.8	2.0	3.1	-0.2	2.4	2.2	0.1	4.2	5.9	4.8
Mar	1.2	1.4	4.0	2.4	4.4	4.5	1.2	3.0	0.5	2.5	1.9	-0.2	4.4	6.1	5.1
Apr	1.7	1.7	3.9	3.3	4.4	2.4	1.5	2.7	-1.5	3.5	2.0	0.4	4.4	6.0	5.0
May	2.1	2.2	4.2	4.9	4.5	3.4	2.7	2.2	-0.8	2.5	2.0	0.0	4.5	6.1	5.5
Jun	3.0	3.1	5.0	5.8	4.3	4.2	2.7	1.1	-0.8	2.6	1.7	-0.2	4.5	6.2	5.6
Jul	3.3	3.4	5.6	5.9	3.6	1.8	2.5	0.2	-3.6	2.8	1.3	-0.3	4.5	6.1	5.8
Aug	3.3	3.5	5.4	2.8	3.5	3.6	-0.5	0.0	-1.7	2.4	1.3	-0.3	4.4	6.2	6.2
Sep	3.3	3.4	4.9	4.7	4.0	1.6	1.4	0.6	-3.2	1.9	1.5	-0.8	4.7	6.2	6.2
Oct	2.5	2.6	3.7	6.2	3.9	3.1	3.6	1.3	-0.5	1.3	1.3	-0.8	5.2	6.3	6.6
Nov	2.0	2.0	1.1	4.8	4.4	4.0	2.7	2.4	2.9	0.4	0.6	-1.7	5.0	6.4	6.8
Dec	1.2	1.2	0.1	5.4	3.9	0.9	4.2	2.7	0.8	0.2	0.5	-2.0	5.3	6.6	7.2
2009 Jan	1.4	1.1	0.0	3.6	4.4	2.6	2.2	3.3	2.5	-1.7	-0.5	-2.9	6.1	7.2	7.6
Feb	1.5	1.4	0.2	4.1	3.6	3.4	2.6	2.1	3.1	-1.9	-1.2	-3.0	6.7	7.7	8.1
Mar	1.1	1.2	-0.4	3.8	3.7	1.4	2.7	2.4	1.8	-3.3	-1.5	-3.5	7.4	8.0	8.5
Apr	-	-	-	3.9	3.5	-	-	-	-	-2.7	-1.5	-	7.4	8.0	-
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Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1999	597.08		628.82		594.57		526.79		532.50		634.16		566.69		506.47		504.77		463.69		496.99	
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2007	751.28	3.2	747.84	3.0	859.94	5.6	708.62	4.7	674.06	5.1	786.24	2.5	687.26	2.3	639.06	4.6	653.65	5.7	596.00	2.6	675.02	5.0
2008	783.09	4.2	780.85	4.4	904.54	5.2	762.72	7.6	704.41	4.5	816.41	3.8	711.06	3.5	672.28	5.2	674.58	3.2	631.70	6.0	734.98	8.9
2008 Jan	770.02	5.1	771.68	3.8	888.68	6.9	748.18	7.2	689.24	4.1	804.75	5.7	695.34	3.8	658.95	6.3	655.28	1.6	610.63	2.6	705.63	9.0
Feb	770.29	5.0	766.55	3.1	884.35	5.4	739.37	6.6	701.85	6.7	806.20	5.5	696.64	3.9	658.54	4.3	665.20	4.7	609.32	1.5	725.89	13.7
Mar	767.70	4.4	761.02	2.4	892.65	6.3	743.18	9.2	699.03	6.6	800.63	4.4	693.83	3.4	661.33	4.3	661.17	2.5	619.79	4.9	715.13	11.6
Apr	773.54	4.4	772.40	3.3	891.80	5.9	743.02	8.6	690.21	4.4	809.48	4.8	696.84	2.5	671.20	5.2	668.41	2.5	632.14	5.9	727.35	9.6
May	777.54	4.5	777.77	4.9	885.20	5.1	747.69	8.2	701.58	5.2	814.15	4.7	706.09	3.0	668.41	4.3	662.28	1.2	635.63	5.9	725.43	9.1
Jun	781.94	4.3	782.92	5.8	885.91	4.2	754.44	9.2	705.35	4.6	818.23	3.8	714.44	3.4	668.34	3.4	667.24	2.1	643.63	7.3	731.54	10.4
Jul	781.55	3.6	788.11	5.9	894.67	3.5	767.86	9.4	708.14	4.3	812.55	2.6	715.16	2.9	669.42	5.0	664.10	2.9	637.77	11.3	723.76	9.1
Aug	788.85	3.5	777.68	2.8	908.93	4.2	774.75	7.7	718.46	4.7	821.78	2.6	722.88	4.0	670.63	5.4	680.53	3.7	631.92	9.1	743.24	10.0
Sep	796.96	4.0	790.43	4.7	924.19	5.0	786.31	7.1	712.14	4.0	832.53	3.4	720.49	3.2	684.38	6.8	692.18	4.4	625.16	5.7	763.33	9.4
Oct	793.76	3.9	795.65	6.2	926.74	6.4	778.36	6.1	711.41	3.7	824.66	2.6	718.72	3.0	676.86	4.0	683.05	3.7	636.89	6.0	754.29	6.9
Nov	797.73	4.4	789.82	4.8	937.02	5.2	787.22	7.1	708.75	2.7	828.13	3.8	724.83	4.2	688.98	6.9	694.81	4.3	642.35	5.8	747.64	4.5
Dec	796.28	3.9	796.71	5.4	933.93	4.6	779.86	5.4	705.76	3.3	822.96	2.7	725.32	4.4	689.18	6.6	699.41	4.6	650.98	4.7	753.40	5.0
2009 Jan	804.02	4.4	799.72	3.6	939.06	5.7	788.58	5.4	723.26	4.9	832.09	3.4	733.30	5.5	686.16	4.1	696.59	6.3	672.15	10.1	757.62	7.4
Feb	797.78	3.6	798.07	4.1	917.46	3.7	776.01	5.0	713.65	1.7	827.68	2.7	727.27	4.4	692.64	5.2	713.02	7.2	670.43	10.0	745.46	2.7
Mar	796.01	3.7	790.02	3.8	906.19	1.5	781.63	5.2	724.85	3.7	824.15	2.9	735.35	6.0	690.89	4.5	708.08	7.1	670.25	8.1	725.28	1.4
Apr	800.33	3.5	802.16	3.9	914.91	2.6	785.71	5.7	720.03	4.3	832.25	2.8	729.12	4.6	689.85	2.8	709.33	6.1	674.66	6.7	749.88	3.1
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr08	770.39		767.91		889.37		743.44		695.08		805.27		695.66		662.51		662.52		617.97		718.50	
Jan-Apr09	799.54		797.49		919.41		782.98		720.45		829.04		731.26		689.89		706.76		671.87		744.56	
% Change	3.8		3.9		3.4		5.3		3.6		3.0		5.1		4.1		6.7		8.7		3.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1999	16.17		17.34		15.76		14.21		14.48		17.00		15.72		13.34		13.45		12.28		13.06	
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2007	20.41	3.5	20.49	2.9	22.40	6.1	19.00	4.9	18.42	5.0	21.27	3.0	19.35	2.5	16.93	4.4	17.53	5.3	15.97	3.2	17.46	5.2
2008	21.32	4.5	21.46	4.7	23.68	5.7	20.34	7.1	19.24	4.5	22.15	4.1	20.03	3.5	17.79	5.1	18.12	3.4	16.96	6.2	18.85	8.0
2008 Jan	21.09	4.9	21.31	3.7	23.42	7.3	19.97	6.3	18.88	3.4	21.98	5.5	19.67	2.9	17.59	5.6	17.89	3.4	16.71	2.0	18.77	9.3
Feb	21.14	4.9	21.27	3.4	23.32	6.7	19.88	5.9	19.31	6.1	22.02	5.4	19.77	3.3	17.65	4.0	18.19	6.1	16.69	0.5	19.07	10.7
Mar	21.08	4.7	21.15	3.6	23.45	6.9	19.99	7.6	19.21	5.7	21.87	4.5	19.81	3.6	17.78	4.5	18.00	4.2	17.10	4.8	18.67	8.8
Apr	21.14	4.3	21.32	3.7	23.39	5.6	19.99	7.4	19.15	4.9	22.03	4.9	19.70	2.2	18.05	5.6	18.02	2.6	17.15	4.6	18.86	8.2
May	.16	4.8	21.41	5.2	23.23	5.7	20.01	7.8	19.09	4.1	22.08	5.0	19.83	3.2	17.70	4.2	17.72	2.0	16.97	6.9	18.49	6.8
Jun	21.15	4.4	21.40	5.5	23.27	5.6	20.00	7.8	19.22	4.5	22.08	4.1	19.86	3.3	17.49	2.9	17.66	1.6	16.68	6.4	18.33	8.5
Jul	21.00	4.0	21.26	5.0	23.24	4.7	20.07	7.8	19.03	4.4	21.83	3.5	19.84	3.2	17.48	5.1	17.54	2.3	16.53	10.1	18.07	7.8
Aug	21.13	3.8	21.07	3.4	23.51	5.3	20.27	7.4	19.23	4.6	21.99	2.8	19.93	3.8	17.37	4.8	17.90	3.5	16.49	9.4	18.37	8.6
Sep	21.66	4.6	21.66	5.3	24.17	5.5	20.73	6.4	19.53	4.8	22.53	4.2	20.37	3.8	17.88	6.2	18.48	3.0	16.76	7.8	19.29	9.4
Oct	21.64	4.3	21.83	6.5	24.22	6.2	20.88	6.3	19.43	4.2	22.40	3.2	20.38	3.8	17.88	4.6	18.47	3.4	17.20	8.2	19.32	6.4
Nov	21.82	4.6	21.89	6.0	24.48	5.0	21.10	7.4	19.43	3.1	22.59	4.1	20.54	4.2	18.28	6.8	18.76	4.1	17.48	6.1	19.46	5.9
Dec	21.82	4.3	22.04	6.1	24.49	4.1	21.08	6.2	19.41	4.1	22.44	3.1	20.66	5.0	18.42	7.0	18.82	4.0	17.96	6.7	19.64	5.4
2009 Jan	22.11	4.8	22.23	4.3	24.87	6.2	21.35	6.9	19.89	5.3	22.78	3.6	20.83	5.9	18.54	5.4	18.86	5.4	18.37	9.9	19.98	6.4
Feb	21.97	3.9	22.30	4.8	24.36	4.5	21.10	6.1	19.58	1.4	22.70	3.1	20.65	4.5	18.60	5.4	19.24	5.8	18.35	9.9	19.72	3.4
Mar	21.98	4.3	22.09	4.4	24.30	3.6	21.22	6.2	19.92	3.7	22.66	3.6	20.89	5.5	18.56	4.4	19.09	6.1	18.35	7.3	19.36	3.7
Apr	22.04	4.3	22.31	4.6	24.40	4.3	21.32	6.7	19.85	3.7	22.83	3.6	20.72	5.2	18.65	3.3	19.08	5.9	18.49	7.8	19.38	2.8
May																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr08	21.11		21.26		23.40		19.96		19.14		21.98		19.74		17.77		18.03		16.91		18.84	
Jan-Apr09	22.03		22.23		24.48		21.25		19.81		22.74		20.77		18.59		19.07		18.39		19.61	
% Change	4.3		4.6		4.6		6.5		3.5		3.5		5.2		4.6		5.8		8.7		4.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	14,406.7		1,894.4		1,544.0		471.6		541.4		5,636.7		3,328.1		325.5		404.0		80.2		201.0	
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	82.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	83.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	84.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	86.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	86.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	88.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	88.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2007	16,866.4	2.3	2,266.3	3.2	1,959.4	4.7	501.8	2.1	596.5	1.6	6,593.8	1.6	3,851.7	2.3	362.8	2.1	447.6	1.3	89.3	1.0	217.1	0.6
2008	17,125.8	1.5	2,314.3	2.1	2,013.3	2.8	512.7	2.2	606.7	1.7	6,687.3	1.4	3,881.7	0.8	366.2	0.9	453.2	1.3	70.2	1.3	220.3	1.5
2008 Jan	16,710.8	2.1	2,274.3	2.8	1,970.6	3.6	496.0	0.5	591.7	2.1	6,533.8	1.5	3,785.9	2.3	350.1	2.2	436.8	1.0	65.2	0.6	206.5	4.0
Feb	16,810.5	2.3	2,275.1	2.4	1,973.6	3.0	499.8	1.5	593.3	1.8	6,595.7	2.1	3,813.6	2.5	353.8	2.6	432.2	-0.3	65.6	1.2	207.8	2.4
Mar	16,845.2	2.0	2,305.3	2.6	1,987.6	3.5	500.1	1.1	594.2	1.4	6,586.4	1.9	3,809.5	1.5	352.0	2.0	436.1	0.7	66.8	2.1	207.3	1.8
Apr	16,915.5	2.0	2,304.5	3.5	1,985.1	3.0	503.1	1.8	606.6	3.3	6,629.2	2.2	3,805.8	0.5	354.7	1.4	447.0	1.0	66.5	1.1	213.0	2.6
May	17,289.8	1.9	2,330.0	2.4	2,022.5	3.0	517.5	1.7	612.8	1.4	6,774.5	2.1	3,903.0	1.1	368.7	0.4	457.8	0.7	74.0	3.1	228.9	3.0
Jun	17,499.4	1.8	2,354.9	2.6	2,056.0	3.0	521.1	2.2	620.7	2.1	6,797.4	1.7	3,984.3	0.8	381.3	-0.4	469.5	2.3	77.2	3.8	237.0	2.8
Jul	17,417.9	1.2	2,350.1	2.7	2,039.5	2.0	514.9	1.2	617.5	2.4	6,758.2	1.0	3,970.9	-0.2	382.4	0.6	469.9	2.7	74.5	1.2	240.1	1.5
Aug	17,391.9	1.3	2,347.0	2.4	2,032.5	1.9	519.6	3.0	612.3	1.5	6,787.2	1.3	3,938.1	0.0	381.9	0.8	463.3	1.5	76.5	1.9	233.4	1.1
Sep	17,230.2	1.6	2,315.9	1.9	2,020.2	2.3	522.5	3.6	607.0	1.3	6,718.9	1.7	3,917.5	0.5	372.8	0.9	458.4	2.3	73.0	1.7	224.1	-0.1
Oct	17,270.7	1.3	2,312.9	1.3	2,035.4	3.2	521.6	3.4	609.3	0.8	6,754.6	1.1	3,912.5	0.4	371.1	1.5	462.1	1.8	70.2	-1.8	221.0	0.5
Nov	17,117.8	0.6	2,308.6	0.5	2,025.1	3.2	520.7	2.9	609.0	0.8	6,665.3	0.1	3,888.8	0.1	365.2	-0.4	452.4	0.9	67.3	0.9	215.3	0.0
Dec	17,010.5	0.5	2,292.8	0.2	2,011.2	1.5	516.0	3.4	606.2	1.7	6,645.9	0.3	3,850.2	0.1	360.2	-0.1	452.6	0.3	66.3	-0.2	209.2	-1.8
2009 Jan	16,600.9	-0.7	2,233.7	-1.8	1,994.1	1.2	512.6	3.3	595.2	0.6	6,463.6	-1.1	3,746.7	-1.0	353.3	0.9	439.4	0.6	63.3	-2.9	199.1	-3.6
Feb	16,578.2	-1.4	2,226.9	-2.1	1,978.0	0.2	514.3	2.9	599.0	1.0	6,452.3	-2.2	3,751.0	-1.6	351.4	-0.7	441.0	2.0	64.1	-2.3	200.2	-3.7
Mar	16,538.8	-1.8	2,221.9	-3.6	1,967.6	-1.0	511.0	2.2	592.8	-0.2	6,435.0	-2.3	3,753.3	-1.5	350.2	-0.5	438.7	0.6	64.4	-3.6	203.9	-1.6
Apr	16,645.1	-1.6	2,238.1	-2.9	1,966.9	-0.9	512.8	1.9	598.4	-1.4	6,468.3	-2.4	3,794.9	-0.3	353.2	-0.4	443.5	-0.8	64.7	-2.7	204.3	-4.1
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr08	16,820.5		2,289.8		1,979.2		499.8		596.5		6,586.3		3,803.7		352.7		438.0		66.0		208.7	
Jan-Apr09	16,590.8		2,230.2		1,976.7		512.7		596.4		6,454.8		3,761.5		352.0		440.7		64.1		201.9	
% Change	-1.4		-2.6		-0.1		2.6		0.0		-2.0		-1.1		-0.2		0.6		-2.9		-3.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	34.2		32.5		35.0		34.9		34.2		34.6		34.0		35.0		34.1		35.0		34.9	
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2007	33.3	0.0	32.9	1.2	35.8	1.1	34.8	0.9	33.8	1.2	33.5	0.3	31.6	-1.3	34.2	-0.3	33.3	1.2	33.8	-1.7	34.7	0.6
2008	33.1	-0.6	32.4	-1.5	35.1	-2.0	34.5	-0.9	33.3	-1.5	33.1	-1.2	31.9	0.9	33.9	-0.9	32.9	-1.2	33.4	-1.2	34.4	-0.9
2008 Jan	33.8	0.6	33.0	-0.6	35.7	-1.4	34.2	-0.6	34.2	1.8	34.1	0.6	32.6	1.9	34.4	1.2	33.7	0.3	32.6	-1.2	34.3	1.5
Feb	33.5	0.6	32.9	-0.9	35.3	-1.7	33.5	4.4	32.9	-0.3	33.5	0.3	32.8	2.8	33.4	-1.8	33.3	0.3	32.1	0.0	35.0	5.7
Mar	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.6	36.5	0.6	34.5	-0.3	34.5	2.4	31.1	-1.9	32.2	0.0	33.6	-2.0	30.8	1.0	31.6	-0.6	33.5	-0.3
Apr	34.2	-0.3	33.3	-2.1	35.8	0.6	35.4	-0.3	34.3	-1.4	34.4	-1.4	33.1	1.8	34.3	-0.9	34.2	0.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	4.4
May	34.3	-0.9	33.2	-1.8	35.4	-1.1	37.3	0.5	34.7	0.6	34.4	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	35.3	-0.3	34.3	-2.3	36.1	0.0	36.7	3.4
Jun	34.6	-0.9	33.8	0.0	35.8	-2.5	36.4	0.3	34.6	-2.3	34.9	-0.9	33.2	-0.9	35.9	0.6	35.0	-0.8	36.6	-2.7	36.8	0.0
Jul	31.8	2.3	31.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.2	-1.2	32.1	0.3	32.0	-1.8	29.7	16.0	33.1	0.6	32.5	0.6	33.9	1.5	34.1	-3.4
Aug	31.3	-1.3	31.5	0.6	33.7	-3.2	33.8	-0.6	32.2	-0.6	31.5	-1.9	28.9	-1.7	32.6	1.9	31.4	-0.6	32.3	-2.4	31.8	-3.6
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.4	-0.9	36.7	-0.8	38.1	2.4	35.1	-1.1	34.7	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.8	0.8	34.5	0.3	35.5	-0.8	36.1	-0.8
Oct	30.3	-1.3	30.1	-2.0	33.1	-1.2	31.9	-2.1	30.6	-1.3	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.3	31.8	-0.6	30.5	-1.9	31.7	-2.2	32.6	-0.3
Nov	32.2	-5.8	29.7	-9.7	33.1	-10.3	31.2	-11.4	30.4	-12.1	33.4	-2.9	32.1	-2.7	31.5	-10.0	30.4	-11.1	30.9	-8.3	31.5	-12.3
Dec	33.7	-1.5	33.0	-1.5	35.7	-1.7	34.3	-3.1	34.3	-1.2	33.7	-2.3	32.6	-0.9	34.6	-0.3	34.3	-0.3	33.7	1.8	34.6	-2.8
2009 Jan	33.1	-2.1	32.3	-2.1	35.3	-1.1	33.8	-1.2	33.2	-2.9	33.1	-2.9	31.8	-2.5	34.4	0.0	33.5	-0.6	33.0	1.2	33.6	-2.0
Feb	31.9	-4.8	32.2	-2.1	33.3	-5.7	30.2	-9.9	31.7	-3.6	31.5	-6.0	31.8	-3.0	33.9	1.5	32.7	-1.8	32.9	2.5	32.5	-7.1
Mar	31.8	-2.2	30.2	-7.9	34.5	-5.5	33.9	-1.7	34.6	0.3	30.9	-0.6	31.9	-0.9	34.0	1.2	30.8	0.0	30.0	-5.1	33.2	-0.9
Apr	30.8	-9.9	30.5	-8.4	31.7	-11.5	30.7	-13.3	32.9	-4.1	31.7	-7.8	28.5	-13.9	31.9	-7.0	31.7	-7.3	30.8	-6.7	31.4	-11.8
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr08	33.5		33.0		35.8		34.4		34.0		33.3		32.7		33.9		33.0		32.3		34.6	
Jan-Apr09	31.9		31.3		33.7		32.2		33.1		31.8		31.0		33.6		32.2		31.7		32.7	
% Change	-4.8		-5.2		-5.9		-6.5		-2.6		-4.4		-5.1		-1.1		-2.5		-2.0		-5.6	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	763.14		594.48		19.20		16.86		393.8		1,500.5		36.2		31.5	
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
2007	881.25	5.4	712.93	2.1	21.92	5.0	20.11	2.2	495.7	6.9	1,770.6	2.3	37.0	1.4	31.8	1.0
2008	914.52	3.8	746.25	4.7	22.92	4.6	21.09	4.9	501.5	1.2	1,812.8	2.4	36.2	-2.2	31.3	-1.6
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	736.64	3.3	22.95	7.2	20.88	2.8	491.0	3.5	1,783.3	2.5	36.2	0.6	32.1	-0.9
Feb	891.76	2.1	734.99	3.4	22.71	4.3	20.90	3.1	481.2	3.0	1,793.9	2.3	35.6	-5.8	32.1	0.3
Mar	892.56	2.1	726.09	2.3	22.43	3.6	20.81	3.5	504.7	4.6	1,800.6	2.1	36.6	-1.1	31.8	-0.3
Apr	924.95	6.8	733.39	2.3	23.26	8.0	20.83	2.6	486.5	0.2	1,818.0	4.5	36.9	-2.6	32.4	-1.5
May	921.69	5.7	740.89	4.7	23.12	7.2	20.97	4.6	496.9	0.2	1,833.1	3.1	37.1	-1.9	32.2	-1.5
Jun	915.74	4.5	748.72	6.3	22.79	4.7	21.04	5.8	507.4	-0.6	1,847.5	3.5	38.2	-0.5	32.6	0.6
Jul	901.58	2.4	756.44	6.9	22.52	2.6	20.91	5.7	530.8	3.4	1,819.4	2.5	36.7	-0.3	30.4	-0.7
Aug	904.06	1.0	743.82	3.5	22.44	1.4	20.70	4.1	528.5	2.7	1,818.5	2.3	36.4	-0.8	30.0	0.7
Sep	900.92	-0.1	761.36	6.5	22.60	1.2	21.42	6.6	515.6	1.8	1,800.3	2.0	37.5	-0.3	32.3	-0.9
Oct	928.77	4.4	761.53	7.0	22.96	3.3	21.54	7.5	500.8	-0.4	1,812.2	1.8	33.5	-1.8	29.2	-1.7
Nov	923.49	4.2	756.53	5.2	23.18	4.2	21.56	6.5	491.6	-2.7	1,817.1	1.4	33.2	-9.3	28.8	-9.7
Dec	968.34	8.2	754.95	4.9	24.20	8.2	21.52	5.6	482.9	-1.5	1,809.8	0.7	36.5	-3.2	32.1	-0.9
2009 Jan	989.24	9.2	757.94	2.9	24.87	8.4	21.65	3.7	441.7	-10.0	1,792.0	0.5	34.9	-3.6	31.7	-1.2
Feb	963.78	8.1	761.18	3.6	24.27	6.9	21.86	4.6	438.4	-8.9	1,788.5	-0.3	34.9	-2.0	31.5	-1.9
Mar	954.72	7.0	754.70	3.9	24.13	7.6	21.65	4.0	429.0	-15.0	1,792.9	-0.4	34.8	-4.9	29.0	-8.8
Apr	976.91	5.6	763.04	4.0	24.48	5.2	21.82	4.8	447.5	-8.0	1,790.7	-1.5	34.5	-6.5	29.5	-9.0
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Jan-Apr08	903.81		732.78		22.84		20.86		490.9		1,799.0		36.3		32.1	
Jan-Apr09	971.16		759.22		24.44		21.75		439.2		1,791.0		34.8		30.4	
% Change	7.5		3.6		7.0		4.3		-10.5		-0.4		-4.3		-5.2	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous y

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1999	763.14		518.47		943.23		919.16		756.61		706.60	
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2007	881.25	5.4	564.12	15.5	1116.85	2.5	1115.35	2.4	857.46	3.7	872.28	5.9
2008	914.52	3.8	538.64	-4.5	1178.91	5.6	1163.90	4.4	881.56	2.8	908.30	4.1
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	515.24	-1.0	1122.72	1.6	1007.74	-11.9	904.98	10.2	889.53	2.8
Feb	891.76	2.1	628.35	14.0	1194.06	10.8	1059.71	-20.2	857.79	2.5	866.20	0.2
Mar	892.56	2.1	545.06	-2.1	1189.99	8.6	1127.41	-10.3	846.73	1.0	900.53	1.9
Apr	924.95	6.8	574.74	-2.4	1186.57	15.0	1074.81	-3.5	911.91	6.3	901.21	5.5
May	921.69	5.7	513.97	-12.3	1110.89	7.1	1305.76	18.1	893.56	2.7	920.97	7.6
Jun	915.74	4.5	502.77	-8.1	1142.92	5.9	1206.68	0.8	893.90	2.9	916.35	7.0
Jul	901.58	2.4	517.17	-11.8	1200.99	6.8	1179.26	6.1	874.33	3.0	888.46	-0.1
Aug	904.06	1.0	559.21	-0.5	1180.74	4.7	1261.59	12.3	879.46	-0.9	890.89	1.9
Sep	900.92	-0.1	541.63	-5.3	1201.68	-2.2	1224.56	10.5	858.29	-1.1	884.74	-1.3
Oct	928.77	4.4	494.91	-15.2	1224.57	3.0	1220.47	18.9	880.19	3.1	932.10	5.5
Nov	923.49	4.2	498.41	-8.7	1186.02	3.9	1169.24	19.1	865.94	0.7	934.05	6.0
Dec	968.34	8.2	571.31	5.0	1206.33	4.1	1129.01	10.2	914.31	4.0	979.34	13.5
2009 Jan	989.24	9.2	539.09	4.6	1216.08	8.3	1258.78	24.9	942.27	4.1	992.34	11.6
Feb	963.78	8.1	468.42	-25.5	1290.91	8.1	1241.99	17.2	908.39	5.9	964.75	11.4
Mar	954.72	7.0	539.38	-1.0	1184.41	-0.5	1215.26	7.8	892.74	5.4	1002.83	11.4
Apr	976.91	5.6	529.48	-7.9	1356.92	14.4	1240.39	15.4	893.04	-2.1	1032.80	14.6
May												
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Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Apr08	903.81		565.85		1173.34		1067.42		880.35		889.37	
Jan-Apr09	971.16		519.09		1262.08		1239.11		909.11		998.18	
% Change	7.5		-8.3		7.6		16.1		3.3		12.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1999	594.48		733.87		503.61		627.82		776.25		738.95		624.62		318.75		791.92		628.82	
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1
2007	712.93	2.1	873.77	2.3	577.42	2.9	773.66	0.8	973.70	2.1	843.70	-0.5	741.20	-1.1	394.13	5.0	1013.49	2.4	747.84	3.0
2008	746.25	4.7	920.34	5.3	598.55	3.7	832.20	7.6	990.64	1.7	896.47	6.3	782.85	5.6	398.17	1.0	1042.99	2.9	780.85	4.4
2008 Jan	736.64	3.3	923.14	8.5	557.35	-4.8	831.60	11.0	1012.60	3.2	871.47	3.9	770.54	-0.2	370.23	-2.2	1018.47	0.3	771.68	3.8
Feb	734.99	3.4	946.82	10.4	586.02	3.3	830.82	12.4	962.82	-1.6	859.58	4.3	763.05	-0.5	351.44	-7.2	1021.94	0.6	766.55	3.1
Mar	726.09	2.3	922.01	7.4	563.52	0.9	819.91	4.1	954.48	-6.5	878.21	6.4	775.66	3.2	365.70	-3.4	1040.07	0.4	761.02	2.4
Apr	733.39	2.3	935.11	8.3	571.63	-5.4	846.99	11.2	978.13	-0.3	877.77	6.7	768.47	4.1	369.99	-6.3	1022.63	-1.1	772.40	3.3
May	740.89	4.7	953.99	11.7	594.01	1.9	824.35	4.7	932.29	-0.3	912.96	9.5	785.68	8.0	387.21	-1.1	1021.36	-0.8	777.77	4.9
Jun	748.72	6.3	862.29	1.2	597.57	3.8	807.24	3.3	993.25	6.6	923.54	7.2	793.33	13.2	395.96	0.7	1045.93	0.8	782.92	5.8
Jul	756.44	6.9	909.25	1.4	619.85	5.4	782.22	4.5	956.30	0.0	970.46	11.2	797.81	10.7	442.29	8.5	1043.13	1.4	788.11	5.9
Aug	743.82	3.5	899.87	0.0	599.35	2.2	839.31	10.1	965.97	-3.7	929.31	2.5	795.96	7.6	449.27	5.2	1020.17	0.2	777.68	2.8
Sep	761.36	6.5	916.75	2.5	625.52	8.4	855.08	9.9	1007.28	2.4	908.61	7.4	803.97	10.4	423.83	2.9	1038.32	5.4	790.43	4.7
Oct	761.53	7.0	934.62	3.6	629.25	9.2	844.56	7.7	1018.28	7.8	916.79	9.5	789.32	6.6	401.78	0.5	1032.51	6.1	795.65	6.2
Nov	756.53	5.2	921.06	8.3	623.05	7.4	861.14	7.0	1050.28	9.9	876.62	3.6	752.95	1.3	414.53	6.7	1087.95	8.5	789.82	4.8
Dec	754.95	4.9	928.13	2.4	619.52	13.0	841.47	6.0	1073.11	5.4	853.60	2.1	797.13	3.8	401.79	7.1	1125.60	13.7	796.71	5.4
2009 Jan	757.94	2.9	957.27	3.7	611.99	9.8	896.53	7.8	1092.56	7.9	842.45	-3.3	766.64	-0.5	382.98	3.4	1120.55	10.0	799.72	3.6
Feb	761.18	3.6	954.00	0.8	636.27	8.6	905.49	9.0	1022.65	6.2	815.90	-5.1	780.02	2.2	385.77	9.8	1134.01	11.0	798.07	4.1
Mar	754.70	3.9	932.66	1.2	605.25	7.4	843.38	2.9	1096.97	14.9	814.53	-7.3	799.23	3.0	382.98	4.7	1120.61	7.7	790.02	3.8
Apr	763.04	4.0	983.29	5.2	588.28	2.9	883.30	4.3	1089.08	11.3	819.47	-6.6	817.98	6.4	387.54	4.7	1141.90	11.7	802.16	3.9
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr08	732.78		931.77		569.63		832.33		977.01		871.76		769.43		364.34		1025.78		767.91	
Jan-Apr09	759.22		956.81		610.45		882.18		1075.32		823.09		790.97		384.82		1129.27		797.49	
% Change	3.6		2.7		7.2		6.0		10.1		-5.6		2.8		5.6		10.1		3.9	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1999	19.20		13.72		21.93		24.16		19.14		18.23	
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2007	21.92	5.0	14.48	13.7	25.42	0.8	28.91	3.3	21.61	3.3	21.84	6.4
2008	22.92	4.6	14.05	-3.0	26.86	5.7	30.05	3.9	22.33	3.3	23.00	5.3
2008 Jan	22.95	7.2	14.43	9.2	26.65	5.2	26.84	-9.3	23.02	11.2	22.58	3.8
Feb	22.71	4.3	17.06	18.6	27.27	10.0	27.98	-18.0	22.13	4.6	22.33	3.2
Mar	22.43	3.6	13.75	-3.4	26.43	5.4	29.56	-6.3	21.58	2.7	22.95	4.4
Apr	23.26	8.0	14.17	-5.0	26.42	8.5	28.74	3.4	23.11	7.8	23.22	8.4
May	23.12	7.2	14.14	-3.3	26.32	8.5	32.31	14.3	22.62	4.1	23.15	9.0
Jun	22.79	4.7	12.95	-1.8	25.70	3.8	30.82	0.9	22.45	2.8	23.12	7.4
Jul	22.52	2.6	13.23	-6.2	27.25	4.2	29.53	3.5	22.03	1.7	22.59	2.6
Aug	22.44	1.4	13.14	-5.4	27.30	6.6	31.83	9.5	22.00	-1.0	22.46	3.4
Sep	22.60	1.2	13.85	-3.9	27.22	2.8	30.76	3.2	21.81	-0.6	22.59	0.9
Oct	22.96	3.3	13.56	-12.5	27.43	4.8	31.30	16.8	22.05	1.4	23.13	3.6
Nov	23.18	4.2	13.90	-13.1	26.95	3.0	31.21	15.7	22.03	1.2	23.52	6.5
Dec	24.20	8.2	16.17	0.0	27.40	6.1	29.79	12.3	23.28	5.4	24.48	11.5
2009 Jan	24.87	8.4	15.80	9.5	28.62	7.4	33.10	23.3	23.89	3.8	24.95	10.5
Feb	24.27	6.9	14.42	-15.5	29.04	6.5	32.08	14.7	23.01	4.0	24.84	11.2
Mar	24.13	7.6	15.31	11.3	28.14	6.5	32.23	9.0	22.77	5.5	25.20	9.8
Apr	24.48	5.2	14.02	-1.1	30.04	13.7	32.44	12.9	23.17	0.3	25.52	9.9
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Average:												
Jan-Apr08	22.84		14.85		26.69		28.28		22.46		22.77	
Jan-Apr09	24.44		14.89		28.96		32.46		23.21		25.13	
% Change	7.0		0.2		8.5		14.8		3.3		10.4	

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	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1999	16.86		19.03		14.09		17.15		20.47		22.02		18.98		10.29		21.56		17.34	
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2007	20.11	2.2	21.93	2.4	16.16	2.6	21.01	1.1	25.26	0.9	25.87	1.5	22.50	0.4	12.40	4.6	27.21	2.5	20.49	2.9
2008	21.09	4.9	23.52	7.3	16.76	3.7	22.76	8.3	25.96	2.8	26.90	4.0	23.55	4.7	13.00	4.8	28.16	3.5	21.46	4.7
2008 Jan	20.88	2.8	23.27	7.5	15.87	-3.5	22.67	11.0	25.85	2.5	27.30	2.3	22.60	-3.0	12.86	6.6	27.66	1.2	21.31	3.7
Feb	20.90	3.1	23.96	9.5	16.43	1.5	22.60	10.7	25.28	-0.8	26.55	3.8	23.08	-0.7	12.42	1.1	27.90	2.5	21.27	3.4
Mar	20.81	3.5	23.26	8.0	16.19	2.0	22.94	8.9	25.07	-3.6	26.90	6.1	23.53	2.5	12.60	5.5	28.41	2.4	21.15	3.6
Apr	20.83	2.6	23.30	8.5	16.32	-1.3	22.84	9.8	25.52	0.8	26.46	2.4	22.86	-0.3	12.81	2.5	27.95	0.9	21.32	3.7
May	20.97	4.6	24.31	12.5	16.78	4.2	22.52	6.4	24.82	1.7	27.33	6.2	23.06	2.3	12.75	2.6	27.32	-0.4	21.41	5.2
Jun	21.04	5.8	22.60	5.5	16.95	6.8	21.99	4.7	25.97	7.0	26.94	5.0	23.70	7.1	12.88	3.5	28.13	1.6	21.40	5.5
Jul	20.91	5.7	23.03	3.3	16.96	4.0	21.75	6.9	25.40	2.1	27.21	4.7	23.55	7.2	13.61	8.8	27.73	1.5	21.26	5.0
Aug	20.70	4.1	22.68	0.5	16.50	2.3	23.29	12.4	25.78	-0.6	26.46	1.0	23.99	7.5	13.35	6.2	27.52	1.6	21.07	3.4
Sep	21.42	6.6	23.48	5.8	17.28	6.7	23.34	11.0	26.69	5.2	26.95	2.7	24.26	10.7	13.27	5.2	28.02	6.6	21.66	5.3
Oct	21.54	7.5	24.48	8.4	17.40	7.9	23.13	8.6	26.46	7.6	27.18	5.9	23.97	7.9	13.03	5.6	27.91	5.3	21.83	6.5
Nov	21.56	6.5	24.20	11.4	17.20	5.2	23.00	6.3	27.33	7.9	27.01	6.5	23.67	6.3	13.30	7.0	29.28	7.2	21.89	6.0
Dec	21.52	5.6	23.97	7.8	17.32	9.3	23.01	4.3	27.80	5.4	26.46	0.5	24.23	8.8	13.10	3.3	30.23	12.3	22.04	6.1
2009 Jan	21.65	3.7	24.03	3.3	17.35	9.3	24.28	7.1	28.04	8.5	26.82	-1.8	23.71	4.9	12.65	-1.6	30.23	9.3	22.23	4.3
Feb	21.86	4.6	24.47	2.1	17.83	8.5	24.04	6.4	26.59	5.2	27.00	1.7	24.07	4.3	12.98	4.5	29.91	7.2	22.30	4.8
Mar	21.65	4.0	23.89	2.7	17.32	7.0	22.97	0.1	28.43	13.4	26.00	-3.3	24.36	3.5	12.95	2.8	29.88	5.2	22.09	4.4
Apr	21.82	4.8	24.62	5.7	16.94	3.8	23.92	4.7	28.85	13.0	26.14	-1.2	24.70	8.0	13.03	1.7	30.10	7.7	22.31	4.6
May																				
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr08	20.86		23.45		16.20		22.76		25.43		26.80		23.02		12.67		27.98		21.26	
Jan-Apr09	21.75		24.25		17.36		23.80		27.98		26.49		24.21		12.90		30.03		22.23	
% Change	4.3		3.4		7.1		4.6		10.0		-1.2		5.2		1.8		7.3		4.6	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	393.8		28.1		30.0		3.8		14.8		191.8		21.6		42.4		22.4		114.3	
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2007	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	24.3	12.0	2.9	7.4	20.0	3.1	205.1	3.8	28.3	16.0	44.7	-0.2	15.2	0.7	196.9	9.8
2008	501.5	1.2	33.7	-6.9	17.4	-28.4	2.2	-24.1	25.8	29.0	187.4	-8.6	30.7	8.5	34.3	-23.3	13.2	-13.2	220.8	12.1
2008 Jan	491.0	3.5	37.7	25.7	22.6	-2.2	3.2	88.2	20.2	-15.8	187.3	-6.3	32.8	18.4	29.3	-18.2	19.4	35.7	205.5	9.6
Feb	481.2	3.0	33.9	8.0	22.0	6.3	3.1	n.a	19.9	-16.7	181.6	-10.7	31.6	22.5	29.1	-21.8	15.5	-2.5	206.3	16.4
Mar	504.7	4.6	36.5	14.8	22.4	10.9	2.5	31.6	18.5	-7.5	195.0	-9.4	34.4	23.7	34.7	-23.1	16.5	-1.2	214.2	15.7
Apr	486.5	0.2	34.7	8.4	17.1	-15.8	1.8	-55.0	24.9	33.2	180.2	-14.4	22.6	-24.9	34.3	-16.3	14.1	-14.5	214.5	12.1
May	496.9	0.2	30.5	-17.3	19.5	-17.7	1.8	-40.0	24.0	28.3	189.5	-8.6	26.2	-7.1	40.4	-5.8	11.1	-38.0	218.7	10.6
Jun	507.4	-0.6	35.0	-7.4	19.6	-28.2	1.6	-11.1	25.0	19.0	191.2	-8.8	27.7	10.4	39.9	-19.2	10.9	-24.8	221.7	8.9
Jul	530.8	3.4	36.8	-11.8	18.0	-32.8	n.a.	n.a	27.5	38.9	199.2	-6.3	34.3	31.9	39.6	-25.7	11.3	-30.7	233.3	17.7
Aug	528.5	2.7	40.7	0.2	13.1	-47.6	2.5	-59.0	28.8	46.2	187.9	-7.6	32.0	24.5	37.6	-32.1	11.3	-31.1	240.2	15.4
Sep	515.6	1.8	33.6	-16.6	12.8	-46.7	2.1	-40.0	29.9	61.6	185.5	-11.5	29.7	0.3	35.8	-33.9	11.1	-22.9	237.1	18.4
Oct	500.8	-0.4	32.0	-23.6	13.0	-51.7	2.4	-25.0	29.1	47.7	181.8	-10.4	31.1	0.0	31.2	-32.3	12.4	0.8	227.3	16.1
Nov	491.6	-2.7	26.4	-25.6	13.1	-52.0	2.0	-23.1	29.8	78.4	186.4	-8.0	32.3	6.3	33.6	-18.6	11.3	-18.1	220.0	5.7
Dec	482.9	-1.5	27.2	-22.3	16.1	-39.7	2.0	-35.5	31.7	63.4	182.7	-0.5	33.6	4.0	25.7	-26.4	13.6	-0.7	210.7	0.6
2009 Jan	441.7	-10.0	23.7	-37.1	14.3	-36.7	3.1	-3.1	28.4	40.6	163.1	-12.9	30.0	-8.5	24.2	-17.4	11.7	-39.7	196.3	-4.5
Feb	438.4	-8.9	27.3	-19.5	15.4	-30.0	3.4	9.7	25.5	28.1	163.6	-9.9	34.3	8.5	24.6	-15.5	13.8	-11.0	192.7	-6.6
Mar	429.0	-15.0	29.2	-20.0	12.7	-43.3	2.3	-8.0	25.9	40.0	165.8	-15.0	35.4	2.9	22.6	-34.9	12.2	-26.1	180.2	-15.9
Apr	447.5	-8.0	33.6	-3.2	10.4	-39.2	2.7	50.0	23.3	-6.4	175.5	-2.6	32.7	44.7	28.2	-17.8	12.8	-9.2	188.6	-12.1
May																				
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr08	490.9		35.7		21.0		n.a.		20.9		186.0		30.4		31.9		16.4		210.1	
Jan-Apr09	439.2		28.5		13.2		2.9		25.8		167.0		33.1		24.9		12.6		189.5	
% Change	-10.5		-20.3		-37.2		n.a.		23.5		-10.2		9.1		-21.8		-22.9		-9.8	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	1,500.5		115.9		304.8		121.0		866.3		127.3		193.3		149.1		92.5		1,894.4	
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	1,039.1	1.0	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	95.9	5.0	2,266.3	3.2
2008	1,812.8	2.4	128.0	1.9	354.8	-2.8	147.2	1.5	1,079.8	3.9	161.6	3.5	245.6	2.5	178.1	3.1	102.9	7.3	2,314.3	2.1
2008 Jan	1,783.3	2.5	126.5	5.9	349.1	-0.5	145.1	5.5	1,068.7	3.1	175.2	8.3	246.3	5.3	164.5	-5.4	94.0	-0.7	2,274.3	2.8
Feb	1,793.9	2.3	128.4	-1.6	355.7	0.4	147.9	5.7	1,062.8	2.1	165.9	-2.3	240.9	-0.9	173.5	3.9	99.2	12.6	2,275.1	2.4
Mar	1,800.6	2.1	130.0	4.4	362.8	1.9	134.1	-10.1	1,069.7	2.7	161.5	-4.6	240.6	-3.2	175.9	4.4	104.0	13.5	2,305.3	2.6
Apr	1,818.0	4.5	130.4	7.9	357.8	3.1	142.2	-2.1	1,081.9	4.6	168.4	3.1	233.1	-3.5	183.4	11.2	105.9	13.4	2,304.5	3.5
May	1,833.1	3.1	127.9	0.6	350.2	-4.2	150.8	0.9	1,095.2	5.1	171.1	4.7	239.5	2.2	185.3	9.6	109.0	15.8	2,330.0	2.4
Jun	1,847.5	3.5	137.1	7.0	358.0	-2.1	144.9	-2.1	1,100.7	5.3	174.1	11.7	244.6	1.1	182.5	2.1	106.8	9.5	2,354.9	2.6
Jul	1,819.4	2.5	131.7	0.7	348.2	-7.6	155.4	3.6	1,077.9	6.0	140.9	16.1	245.9	2.8	183.2	3.9	106.3	7.0	2,350.1	2.7
Aug	1,818.5	2.3	135.3	7.2	363.5	-3.7	142.0	-4.8	1,075.3	4.8	130.8	9.8	243.3	3.4	186.6	-2.6	102.4	4.8	2,347.0	2.4
Sep	1,800.3	2.0	129.2	5.1	343.1	-5.7	148.9	3.5	1,080.5	4.1	155.4	-2.3	253.0	7.0	174.3	1.0	98.7	2.1	2,315.9	1.9
Oct	1,812.2	1.8	125.3	4.0	346.9	-7.3	151.2	6.0	1,080.8	3.3	163.1	1.6	255.3	4.8	171.7	0.2	108.1	11.4	2,312.9	1.3
Nov	1,817.1	1.4	112.4	-10.7	358.3	-5.2	155.4	8.9	1,090.4	4.0	164.5	0.5	254.8	5.3	174.7	2.9	100.5	3.4	2,308.6	0.5
Dec	1,809.8	0.7	122.2	-6.9	363.4	-1.9	149.0	5.0	1,074.8	2.4	168.4	1.1	249.8	5.9	181.1	7.5	100.4	-2.8	2,292.8	0.2
2009 Jan	1,792.0	0.5	117.8	-6.9	346.1	-0.9	151.2	4.2	1,073.3	0.4	163.7	-6.6	255.3	3.7	175.0	6.4	103.6	10.2	2,233.7	-1.8
Feb	1,788.5	-0.3	116.8	-9.0	346.6	-2.6	148.2	0.2	1,079.4	1.6	170.1	2.5	259.4	7.7	171.7	-1.0	97.6	-1.6	2,226.9	-2.1
Mar	1,792.9	-0.4	121.8	-6.3	346.0	-4.6	139.7	4.2	1,085.1	1.4	163.6	1.3	259.8	8.0	180.4	2.6	100.3	-3.6	2,221.9	-3.6
Apr	1,790.7	-1.5	114.0	-12.6	358.6	0.2	132.0	-7.2	1,089.0	0.7	168.9	0.3	266.2	14.2	171.5	-6.5	97.1	-8.3	2,238.1	-2.9
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr08	1,799.0		128.8		356.4		142.3		1,070.8		167.8		240.2		174.3		100.8		2,289.8	
Jan-Apr09	1,791.0		117.6		349.3		142.8		1,081.7		166.6		260.2		174.7		99.7		2,230.2	
% Change	-0.4		-8.7		-2.0		0.3		1.0		-0.7		8.3		0.2		-1.1		-2.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	36.2		37.5		39.0		33.0		36.7		34.1	
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2007	37.0	1.4	36.4	2.5	40.5	0.7	35.5	-3.3	36.6	0.8	36.8	2.5
2008	36.2	-2.2	37.4	2.7	40.1	-1.0	33.3	-6.2	35.9	-1.9	35.6	-3.3
2008 Jan	36.2	0.6	34.4	9.6	38.0	-13.6	35.0	-8.1	36.7	0.3	35.8	5.0
Feb	35.6	-5.8	36.0	15.0	41.8	-12.7	32.7	-21.0	35.7	-6.3	34.4	-3.6
Mar	36.6	-1.1	38.9	16.1	42.0	-6.7	28.3	-16.8	37.1	1.4	35.2	-3.6
Apr	36.9	-2.6	39.3	5.4	38.6	5.2	36.7	-14.3	37.2	-3.4	35.8	-4.3
May	37.1	-1.9	41.0	0.0	39.0	1.3	32.5	-13.6	36.3	-2.9	37.0	-1.1
Jun	38.2	-0.5	37.9	-2.1	41.3	-2.1	37.2	-10.4	37.6	0.8	38.2	-0.8
Jul	36.7	-0.3	38.0	-3.8	42.1	3.4	33.5	1.5	35.2	-0.8	36.9	0.0
Aug	36.4	-0.8	42.7	6.2	38.6	7.8	33.2	-0.6	35.2	-1.9	36.2	-2.9
Sep	37.5	-0.3	39.9	8.4	41.8	15.5	34.2	1.5	37.4	1.1	36.7	-5.4
Oct	33.5	-1.8	36.3	-3.2	36.4	-5.7	31.8	14.0	33.5	2.4	32.7	-4.4
Nov	33.2	-9.3	28.5	-5.3	39.6	0.3	30.1	6.0	32.5	-10.7	33.2	-12.2
Dec	36.5	-3.2	31.8	-9.9	41.9	0.2	36.8	-5.4	36.8	-1.9	35.4	-4.8
2009 Jan	34.9	-3.6	28.2	-18.0	37.0	-2.6	32.8	-6.3	37.4	1.9	33.2	-7.3
Feb	34.9	-2.0	32.4	-10.0	41.6	-0.5	36.9	12.8	36.0	0.8	32.6	-5.2
Mar	34.8	-4.9	33.6	-13.6	39.5	-6.0	28.2	-0.4	35.3	-4.9	33.9	-3.7
Apr	34.5	-6.5	39.7	1.0	34.3	-11.1	33.8	-7.9	34.6	-7.0	33.7	-5.9
May												
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Average:												
Jan-Apr08	36.3		37.2		40.1		33.2		36.7		35.3	
Jan-Apr09	34.8		33.5		38.1		32.9		35.8		33.4	
% Change	-4.3		-9.9		-5.0		-0.8		-2.3		-5.5	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	31.5		35.2		31.8		33.1		35.1		27.9		29.5		29.8		32.9		32.5	
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3
2007	31.8	1.0	37.2	0.5	32.1	2.2	32.7	1.9	34.9	1.5	28.5	1.8	29.1	-3.0	28.9	-1.0	32.8	0.0	32.9	1.2
2008	31.3	-1.6	35.9	-3.5	31.2	-2.8	32.2	-1.5	34.3	-1.7	29.4	3.2	29.3	0.7	28.2	-2.4	32.7	-0.3	32.4	-1.5
2008 Jan	32.1	-0.9	36.8	-3.2	31.2	-4.0	35.2	2.3	34.4	-2.8	30.9	-1.0	31.1	2.3	26.0	-10.0	35.0	1.2	33.0	-0.6
Feb	32.1	0.3	36.3	0.8	31.9	1.3	33.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.6	5.3	29.9	-1.6	26.6	-6.3	34.0	-3.4	32.9	-0.9
Mar	31.8	-0.3	35.0	-7.9	31.9	-0.3	33.0	0.6	35.5	-2.2	29.5	5.7	30.6	2.3	26.9	-7.9	34.2	4.0	32.8	-0.6
Apr	32.4	-1.5	39.5	5.1	30.7	-8.9	32.7	-0.6	36.9	2.5	32.6	6.9	29.4	0.7	27.2	-9.0	34.1	-5.3	33.3	-2.1
May	32.2	-1.5	36.1	-1.6	31.2	-8.2	34.1	3.3	35.1	-1.4	32.2	4.9	31.2	4.3	28.9	-0.3	34.1	-2.3	33.2	-1.8
Jun	32.6	0.6	37.2	2.2	30.7	-6.7	33.3	0.6	36.0	3.7	32.6	0.0	30.9	5.5	28.7	-2.7	34.9	1.5	33.8	0.0
Jul	30.4	-0.7	35.2	-4.1	32.2	1.6	29.1	-8.5	33.8	-1.5	21.1	12.8	28.8	6.3	29.7	1.4	30.9	-0.6	31.8	-0.6
Aug	30.0	0.7	37.4	1.1	31.2	-2.2	31.3	-0.3	32.8	2.5	18.9	30.3	27.2	5.4	29.7	1.0	29.8	3.8	31.5	0.6
Sep	32.3	-0.9	36.8	-4.9	31.8	2.3	32.2	-4.5	34.3	-5.0	33.1	7.5	29.1	-2.0	30.3	-0.3	33.3	6.7	33.4	-0.9
Oct	29.2	-1.7	32.3	-6.9	29.8	-1.7	29.6	-3.3	31.4	-0.9	28.9	6.6	27.1	0.7	27.9	-3.8	28.7	2.1	30.1	-2.0
Nov	28.8	-9.7	31.5	-17.1	29.7	-4.8	30.0	-6.5	31.2	-9.0	26.7	-13.9	25.7	-11.7	28.1	2.9	28.7	-12.8	29.7	-9.7
Dec	32.1	-0.9	35.3	-8.1	32.3	0.9	33.2	2.5	35.8	0.0	30.5	1.3	30.9	-1.0	27.8	4.9	34.4	2.4	33.0	-1.5
2009 Jan	31.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.9	2.2	33.1	-6.0	36.1	4.9	29.3	-5.2	30.6	-1.6	26.7	2.7	34.5	-1.4	32.3	-2.1
Feb	31.5	-1.9	35.2	-3.0	31.2	-2.2	34.5	2.4	36.2	3.7	28.7	-9.2	29.3	-2.0	26.9	1.1	35.3	3.8	32.2	-2.1
Mar	29.0	-8.8	34.6	-1.1	29.9	-6.3	30.3	-8.2	33.1	-6.8	16.6	-43.7	29.2	-4.6	26.4	-1.9	33.1	-3.2	30.2	-7.9
Apr	29.5	-9.0	34.4	-12.9	29.0	-5.5	31.0	-5.2	34.1	-7.6	24.8	-23.9	26.9	-8.5	27.1	-0.4	32.2	-5.6	30.5	-8.4
May																				
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr08	32.1		36.9		31.4		33.7		35.4		31.2		30.3		26.7		34.3		33.0	
Jan-Apr09	30.4		34.8		30.5		32.2		34.9		24.9		29.0		26.8		33.8		31.3	
% Change	-5.2		-5.8		-2.9		-4.2		-1.6		-20.2		-4.1		0.4		-1.6		-5.2	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Ian Darling at (250) 953-3701 or Ian.Darling@gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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